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Prescribed Fire scheduled at Pack Creek on the Moab Ranger District

Beginning Tuesday, May 6th, the Moab Ranger District plans to conduct a prescribed burn in the Pack Creek project area about 15 miles southeast of Moab, Utah.

Opportunities for the safe use of prescribed fire generally occur twice each year when fuels and weather conditions will allow managers to meet the project objectives. These activities are a result of forest-wide planning to ensure maximum benefit to public lands. The actions will reduce fuel loadings to minimize risk during wildfires. Introducing fire back into these ecosystems creates mosaic vegetative patterns that enhance plant and wildlife diversity such as: germination of seeds, reduction of dead and diseased trees, increase of grass and forbs, and improving general forest health.

Fire Managers work to minimize smoke impacts to area visitors and residents and no impact to the city of Moab is expected. Project managers are asking the public to avoid these areas during those times.

Other projects planned for treatment with prescribed fire in 2008 include Blue Creek west of Shay Ridge, Carpenter Ridge near Buckeye Reservoir, and Drill Hole northwest of Bears Ears.

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Continue to report new wildfires to the Moab Interagency Fire Center at (435) 259-1850.

Additional information on this and other fuels treatments in Utah is available at:

http://www.utahfireinfo.gov/Fuels/Fuels_Project_Page.htm

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